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SUBJ: RTG NARCOTICS OFFICIALS PLAN JUNE 4-5 TRIP TO RANGOON

1. GENERAL CHUMPHON LOHACHALA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE THAI NATIONAL POLICE & DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, AND MAJOR GENERAL PHAO SARASIN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD, INFORMED THE CHARGE ON MAY 11 THAT THEY WOULD BE VISITING RANGOON JUNE 4-5 AS GUESTS OF THE GUB. CHUMPHON INDICATED THAT THE VISIT WOULD BE INFORMAL AND WAS RESULT OF THE INVITATION ISSUED BY BURMESE OFFICERS WHO CAME TO BANGKOK IN AUGUST 1973 TO PICK UP OPIUM TRAFFICKER LO HSING-HAN. CHUMPHON SAID THAT THE EXPECTED NARCOTICS MATTERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIAL, GET-ACQUAINTED ASPECTS OF THE VISIT.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE MENTIONED FROM TIME TO TIME TO THE THAI THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSER GUB-RTG COOPERATION FOR MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST GOLDEN TRIANGLE TRAFFICKING. THEY ARE AS AWARE AS WE OF THE NEED FOR THIS, OF COURSE, AND HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNE TIME. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THAT ANOTHER ISSUE, THAT OF THE BURMESE DISSIDENTS, WILL BE THE FOCAL POINT OF
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THE DISCUSSION. IN THIS REGARD WE WILL BE COMMENTING IN A SEPTTEL

ON THE THAI PRESS COVERAGE OF A RECENT DISSIDENT MEETING.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY READING THAT RANGOON OBTAINS OF THE DIS-
CUSSIONS THAT CHUMPHON AND PHAO HAVE IN BURMA.
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